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Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service USDA
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Dear Mr. Sessions,

I am a pecan grower of over 300 acres in Terrell County, Georgia. I wanted to express my opinion that we do need a Country of Origin Labeling on pecans sold in the US.

With increasing imports from foreign countries it is important that the Country of Origin Labeling be implemented to help boost sales of US grown products such as pecans. I believe that given this information US consumers would choose US grown products. With the stringent agricultural laws now in place I know that we provide a safer product for our consumers. I know I would choose US grown over foreign grown because of the current regulations that are in place to protect us from unhealthy food products.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider the request that a Country of Origin labeling be implemented. As a US grower, I do strongly encourage this program.

Sincerely,

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